

MINUTES
TRAVERSE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Study Session

TUESDAY, April 27, 2015

7:30 P.M.

Commission Chambers
Governmental Center, 2nd Floor
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, Michigan 49684

PRESENT: Vice-Chairperson Jody Bergman, Commissioners Michael Dow, Jeanine Easterday, Janet Fleshman, Linda Koebert, Tim Werner, Bill Twietmeyer and Janice Warren

ABSENT: Chairperson John Serratelli

STAFF PRESENT: Russ Soyring, Planning Director; Missy Luick, Planning and Engineering Assistant

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Bergman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Warren announced an upcoming meeting of the League of Women Voters that will focus on water pollution.

4. VEGETATED ROOFS (GREEN ROOFS) (DISCUSSION)

Mr. Soyring introduced the topic and how it is related to the City of Traverse City Master Plan and specifically the Natural Resources Element.

Nathan Griswold presented to the Commission.

Commission discussion.

Commission consensus was that staff would do research related to possibly allowing incentives for developers for installing features that provide a community benefit such as vegetated roofs, community spaces, trees, etc. and bring recommendations back to the Commission.

5. REVIEW OF BUILDING HEIGHTS (DISCUSSION)

Mr. Soyering summarized his April 16, 2015 memo to the Commission regarding building heights.

Bob Cornwell addressed the commission.

Commission discussion.

Mike Wills addressed the commission.

Commission discussion.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Bergman adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 7, 2015

Jan Warren p.s.
Jan Warren, Secretary